[Mr. C. O. Madhavan.]

(i) 1107 Bh. Re. 1 per bag.
1108 As. 14 pies 4 per bag.
1109 As. 14 pies 6 Do.
1110 As. 14 pies 4 Do.
1111 As. 14 per bag.

(*j*) Yes.

(*k*), (*l*) and (*m*) Information is not available.

Salt Factories in the State.

59. MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the approximate actual cost of laying out each of the Salt Factories in the State ;

(*b*) the actual cost of manufacturing a bag of salt of two maunds (excluding profit and interest on capital expenditure) ;

(*c*) the amount of profit a licensee gets for a bag of salt ;

(*d*) the out-put of salt in each of the major factories from its opening to the present date ;

(*e*) the amount got for the out-put described in part (*d*) as licensee's share ;

(*f*) the figures of out-turn in each Salt Factory for the years 1080, 1090, 1100 and 1110 ;

(*g*) the duty to Government and the licensee's share, respectively, of a bag of home salt ;

(*h*) the duty to Government and the licensee's share, respectively of a bag of Tinnevelly salt ;

(*i*) the average cost of a bag of salt that has been imported from Tinnevelly in each of the last five years ;

(*j*) whether they get more profit by importation of salt from Tinnevelly than that from home salt ;

(*k*) the selling price of salt (excluding dues to Government) at the salt factories of Tinnevelly ; and

(*l*) in the light of answer to part (*c*), may I know from Government the amount of profit each licensee of the major factories gets for the last five years ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : (*a*) to (*l*) The member is referred to the answers to parts (*a*) to (*j*). (*l*) and (*m*) of interpellation No. 58 [466] by Mr. K. Kesavan.

Selling price of salt.

60. MR. K. KESAVAN : Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any understanding between the British Government and the Travancore Government regarding the minimum selling price of salt ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : Yes.

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